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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5598

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***"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL."***

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) The Department of  
4 Economic and Community Development shall enlist a public-private  
5 partnership to implement a comprehensive, high speed Internet  
6 deployment strategy and adoption initiative to ensure that all state  
7 residents and businesses have access to high speed Internet service.

8 (b) To accomplish the objectives set forth in sections 501 to 504,  
9 inclusive, of this act, the Department of Economic and Community  
10 Development, within available appropriations, may contract with a  
11 nonprofit organization with an established competency in working  
12 with public and private sectors to accomplish wide-scale deployment

13 and adoption of telecommunications and information technology.

14 (c) The Department of Economic and Community Development, in  
15 consultation with the Department of Public Utility Control, shall  
16 develop a pilot program to bring high speed Internet service to two  
17 unserved areas of the state.

18 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) The public-private  
19 partnership established pursuant to section 501 of this act shall include  
20 input and cooperation among state agencies and bodies representing  
21 economic development, local community development, technology  
22 planning, education, healthcare and other relevant entities. The private  
23 entities within the partnership shall include providers of broadband  
24 service, telecommunications providers, technology companies,  
25 community-based organizations and relevant private sector entities to  
26 achieve the purposes set forth in said section 501. Private entities  
27 submitting data in connection with efforts to develop the high speed  
28 Internet deployment strategy pursuant to said section 501 shall only  
29 provide such data to the extent and in the format the data is  
30 maintained in the normal course of business. Any information  
31 designated by the providing entity as confidential or proprietary shall  
32 be treated as such and governed by an appropriate nondisclosure  
33 agreement. The data submitted by providing entities pursuant to this  
34 section shall not be subject to disclosure under chapter 14 of the  
35 general statutes.

36 Sec. 503. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) (a) The high speed  
37 Internet deployment strategy and adoption initiative established  
38 pursuant to section 501 of this act shall include, but not be limited to:

39 (1) Creating a geographic state-wide inventory of high speed  
40 Internet service and other relevant telecommunications and  
41 information technology services, consistent with any federal data  
42 reporting requirements;

43 (2) Working collaboratively with high speed Internet providers and  
44 technology companies across the state to encourage deployment and

45 use, especially in unserved areas, through the use of local demand  
46 aggregation, mapping analysis and the creation of market intelligence  
47 to improve the business case for providers to deploy; and

48 (3) Recommendations provided to the joint standing committee of  
49 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy  
50 for providing incentives to telecommunications companies for serving  
51 currently unserved customers.

52 Sec. 504. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) Nothing in sections 501 to  
53 504, inclusive, of this act shall be construed as giving the Department  
54 of Community and Economic Development or other entities any  
55 additional authority, regulatory or otherwise, over providers of  
56 telecommunications and information technology."